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### **REMARKS**

Examination and consideration of this application as amended is kindly requested. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to a first office action in this case. By this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-13, 15-17, 19-20 and 22 and added claims 23-29 have been added. After this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-29 remain pending in this application.

### **Amendments to the Specification**

The Applicants have amended paragraph 0001 of the specification to include references to related applications that were filed concurrently with the present application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have also amended paragraph 0152 by replacing it with an amended paragraph that includes language contained within originally filed claim 8. No new matter has been added by this amendment

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-13, 15-17, 19-20 and 22 to more clearly claim some aspects of the present invention.

Independent claims 1 and 16 have been amended to more clearly recite the method and computer system set forth in those claims. Independent computer program product claim 22 has also been amended to provide a similar clarification. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs 0050-0054 and 0158. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Dependent claims 2 and 17 have been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by that dependent claim. Support for this amendment is found in the specification

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at, for example, paragraphs 0149 and 0044-0045. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claims 3, 7 and 18 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis in response to amendments to claims from which these claims depend. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claims 4, 5, 19 and 20 have been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by that dependent claim. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs 0158-159 and 164-165. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claim 8 has been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by those dependent claims. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0152. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claim 9 has been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by those dependent claims. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0151. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claim 10 has been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by those dependent claims. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0151. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claim 11 has been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by those dependent claims. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0156. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claim 12 has been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by those dependent claims. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0155. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

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Dependent claim 13 has been amended to more clearly recite the invention set forth by those dependent claims. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0155. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Dependent claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 9 instead of claim 1 in order to provide proper antecedent basis. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0157. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Further, the Applicants have added claims 23-28 to further specify aspects of the present invention.

New independent method claim 23 has been added to describe an aspect of the present invention. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs 0150-0152, 0160, 0165, 0189 and 0053. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

New dependent method claim 24 has been added to describe an aspect of the present invention. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0164. No new matter has been added by this new amendment.

New dependent method claim 25 has been added to describe an aspect of the present invention. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0155. No new matter has been added by this new amendment.

New dependent method claim 26 has been added to describe an aspect of the present invention. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0154. No new matter has been added by this new amendment.

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New dependent method claim 27 has been added to describe an aspect of the present invention. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0158. No new matter has been added by this new amendment.

New dependent method claim 28 has been added to describe an aspect of the present invention. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 0148. No new matter has been added by this new amendment.

New dependent method claim 29 has been added to describe an aspect of the present invention. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 00043-00044, 00074-00078, and 000149. No new matter has been added by this new amendment.

### Conclusion

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended some of the originally filed claims and added new claims 23-29. Applicants believe this amendment serves a useful clarification purpose, and is desirable for clarification purposes, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendment does not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

Applicants acknowledge the continuing duty of candor and good faith to disclosure of information known to be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, all such information is dutifully made of record. The foreseeable equivalents of any territory that may be surrendered by this amendment are limited to the territory taught by the information of record. No other territory afforded by the doctrine of equivalents is knowingly surrendered and everything else is unforeseeable at the time of this amendment by the Applicants and their attorneys.

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It is submitted that Claims 1-29 are in condition for allowance. Consideration and examination of the claims as amended is kindly requested.

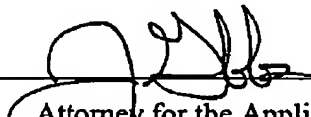
If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or that in any way it would help expedite the prosecution of the patent application, a telephone call to the undersigned at (561) 989-9811 is respectfully solicited.

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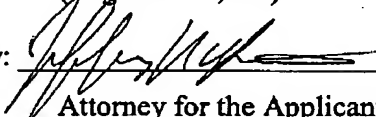
In view of the preceding discussion, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and re-examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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